

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 02-05

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEMS MONTHLY REPORTS

This letter is to inform counties that the monthly Department of Health Services Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) files reports for the months of December 2002 through April 2002 are now available on the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Branch (RPB) Web site at "www.dss.cahwnet.ca.gov/refugeeprogram". The reports can be viewed and printed at your convenience by opening the following path of web pages "Report Center/Meds Report."

We apologize for the delay in these reports, but we encountered several problems with the December 2001 and January 2002 reports that prevented us from issuing these reports as expected. We have corrected the problems, which was a combination of a malfunction of our automated data processing system and a county's reporting system process. Thank you for your patience as it took us time to correct these problems. We understand the impact these reports have on the administration and funding of refugee programs in your counties. Therefore, we wanted to ensure that refugee numbers were reflected accurately. It is our goal to provide you with the most accurate information available to us without jeopardizing integrity of the refugee programs and our automated data processing systems.

Beginning with these reports, all MEDS reports will be available over the Internet. The Internet is a great resource for disseminating information and material expeditiously. This new distribution process is time and cost effective to both the counties and the State. To continue to distribute these reports in hard copy format means a substantial loss of time and money used in reproducing, packaging and mailing these reports. The MEDS reports can be available for your use in one day as opposed to three to five days in hard copy format. In an effort to continue to provide you with efficient customer service, the MEDS reports will be posted on the RPB Web site. We will notify you via email when these reports are posted to the RPB Web site. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact us by email at RPB@dss.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Iwasaki, Manager, Technical Services Bureau, at (916) 654-2387.

Sincerely,

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THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
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